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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR SHERIFF

RASH—We are authorized to announce R. L. Rash as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

HUGHES—We are authorized to announce H. M. Hughes as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

WELCH—We are authorized to announce J. M. Welch as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

FOR TRUSTEE

GENTRY—We are authorized to announce W. C. Gentry as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.



SLAGLE—We are authorized to announce D. E. Slagle as a candidate for Trustee, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 1911.

DRAPER—We are authorized to announce O. N. Draper as a candidate for re-election as Trustee, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

TAX ASSESSOR

MCCORMICK—We are authorized to announce W. M. McCormick as a candidate for Tax Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

CORNWELL—We are authorized to announce John H. Cornwell as a candidate for re-election as Tax Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary election to be held Dec. 2, 1911.

SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY

It is a consolation to see frequent evidences of the return to normal in the manner of speaking of political conditions in Tennessee. Gradually the state-wide newspapers and voters are seeing things differently than they did one year ago. As evidence of this we print the following from the Smith County Democrat, which was a staunch supporter of the allied forces of fanaticism last year:

We believe that harmony in the democratic ranks of Smith county will again reign supreme as those who call themselves Independent Democrats are thinking people and are always ready to do and act for the good of their country. That the party split on the subject of temperance is a conceded fact, and since the Independents elected a Republican Governor for Tennessee, hoping that a better condition of affairs might prevail and that the laws of the state might be enforced, and since under the Republican governor's administration the laws of the state have not only failed to be enforced, but a far worse condition of affairs have prevailed, the party will again unite to elect a Democratic governor for Tennessee. Had Ben W. Hooper stood squarely on the platform upon which he was elected and made some effort, at least to have enforced the laws the people would have stood by him and his political career would not have been nearing an end. But what has been the result? Tennessee has far more saloons than she had under the Patterson administration, in fact there's not a county in the state scarcely but that has some

means of dispensing intoxicants, "beerett stands" have done a thriving business, the saloons in the cities have done a land office business and the state has been robbed of her revenue. Let us again unite in the old democratic faith and hope that there may yet be some means to bring about a better condition of affairs in Tennessee.

THEORY VERSUS FACT

According to the Evening Hypocrite, known to some as the Nashville Banner, there are now 579 liquor dealers in that city, that number of concerns having paid federal license. This does not include wholesale dealers. This under the administration of a prohibition governor who boasted that he would put every man who violated the prohibition law to breaking rock for the state. Two years ago, under Gov. Patterson, there were 180 licenses in Nashville, and all the saloons were segregated in the business district of the city. Now they are all over it.

Here we have a case of theory versus fact. It was believed by all thinking men that the forcing of a prohibition law upon the unwilling citizens of cities would work utter demoralization and result in great harm. That belief is more than justified by present conditions in Nashville.

It is not enough for the dries to blame Mayor Howse with the trouble, for the same condition exists in Memphis, with 1,700 saloons, in Chattanooga and Knoxville. The course is to be found in the frenzied hatred of a set of political shysters, who succeeded in arousing the fanaticism of enough citizens opposed to the liquor traffic to force state-wide prohibition upon Tennessee. Upon them alone rests the responsibility—for present conditions in the cities of the state.

The heads of several colleges and schools in Nashville have lost their heads and signed a statement in the Banner that moral conditions in that city under Democratic rule were so terribly awful that their schools could not maintain their attendance, and intimating that it was not safe for the students to go to Nashville. It appears that these same schools nearly all have the largest enrollment this fall that they ever had. More than this, those schools sent out catalogs and other literature seeking to induce students to come to Nashville, setting out that it was a most desirable city to live in on account of the clean moral surrounding. Evidently someone has lied about matters in Nashville, and that for nothing but political effect. The most peculiar feature of these two statements is that the most of the men making them sign their names with Rev. attached. There is something radically wrong when alleged christian men will allow party or personal hatred to lead them into making false statements.

There has been much complaint by prisoners in the penitentiary at Nashville about the poor quality of food furnished them, and at Brushy mountain there has been a regular riot by prisoners over their inhuman treatment, in which three prisoners were shot. Warden S. F. Anderson of the latter prison has been indicted in DeKalb county for public drunkenness and carrying a pistol. Which indicates clearly that many blessings flow from the beneficent administration of state affairs under our Christian governor. There is another item in connection with pri-

son management that should not be overlooked. In September of last year the net revenue to the state from the penitentiary was \$26,000, under Democratic rule, while last September it was only \$5,000 under moral reformers. It cost \$16,000 more one month to run the penitentiary under Hooper than it did under Patterson. These results are about what usually follow the elevation of light-weight reform politicians to positions of public trust.

Trustee O. N. Draper announces as a candidate for re-election, subject to the Democratic primary. Mr. Draper is serving his first term, and has made an enviable record in this important office. He feels that the usual courtesy of a second term should be given him. So far as we are informed there have been no charges made against Mr. Draper as to the conduct of the office. He has attended carefully to collections and made all settlements promptly—in short has been a model officer.

W. M. McCormick announces in the Herald as a candidate for Tax Assessor, before the Democratic primary. Mr. McCormick has lived in the fifth district practically all his life and has never been a candidate before. Any voter wishing to know about his character and standing is urged to inquire of any citizen of the Fifth district. Mr. McCormick feels fully qualified to acceptably fill the office to which he aspires, and would make a careful and painstaking assessor.

The cost of sugar is higher than it has been for many years—you only get a handful for a quarter. There is no reason apparent unless it be a desire to get back the several million dollars the government forced the trust to pay back for cases of defrauding in weight on sugar imported, and the laying up of a fund to contribute to the Republican campaign next year. No other people on earth would stand and be robbed like Americans are now on the price of sugar.

Attention is called to the announcement of J. M. Welch of Monterey as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. Mr. Welch was city marshal of Monterey for four years, and has been a deputy sheriff several years, thus having gained much experience in the work of a peace officer. During these years he has been very successful and would make a splendid sheriff should he be honored with the position.

The Nashville Daily Tennessean is a great preacher of morality, yet last Sunday it printed eight pages of disgusting reading matter and pictures of near-naked women showing her engaged in drinking and telling of criminal deeds by numbers of the fair sex.

Preaching morality on one page and teaching immorality on another appears to be the regular occupation of this blatant champion of law and order.

John H. Cornwell of Algood announces as a candidate for re-election as Tax Assessor. He has filled this important office for four years in a very satisfactory manner, and feels that a second term is not out of order for a competent public official. John will be around and see the voters, and is a vigorous campaigner.